

and they are close to it. It wasn't...it wasn't that I felt that they could get around Initiative 300 in this state and do what it is they wanted to do.

SENATOR WEIHING: Well, you know, talk is very cheap. Sometimes it brings on misconceptions and it can bring on a tremendous amount of anguish that can cause people to lose their...not only their savings but their farms. Let us get down to something besides grain. When we are in eastern Nebraska we constantly think of grain. Grain was not always the only crop within eastern Nebraska. At one time we had a very viable fruit industry in southeastern Nebraska. You will recall that. At one time we had a very viable canning factory in Otoe Canning, in Nebraska City, in Plattsmouth. Do they exist? No, they do not exist. But they certainly brought in revenue and they brought about industry within people. Now, that couple that I spoke to, that I talked with, are like so many, they are destitute in finding something else beyond grain. There has to be markets and we know that grain has had its problems in markets. Anybody that is production, and Senator Coordsen spoke eloquently on production, but you...I don't care how well you produce, if you don't have a market, if you don't have a market that's paying you as much as it's costing you to put in, you are going down the drain. Now, when I entered LB 337, I spoke of it as an economic development bill and I spoke of it primarily from the food processing. And I want to point out that we have been great in backing food processing within the university and other sectors. Then how are we going to get the food processing if we don't have management and capital? We have got to have capital and enough capital to get that to go on. That farm couple said there are several of us, we are excellent in growing vegetables. We have been selling them up in South Sioux City. We would like to come together. Tell us how to have a food processing. And if you want to have it go into food processing, you are going to have to have a capital investment.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WEIHING: And if anyone is going to have...come in with capital investment, it's going to require some concessions. I won't go on it any further. I would love to. I would love to be able to talk to you beyond the grain mentality. You know, Initiative 300 is a restrictive initiative and we need to think positive, listen to this, we need to be thinking positive. We need to have our people thinking positive. You should be giving leadership out there. I hear more chatter. I don't know if